

WESTFIELD YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2011

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Labbe, President
Bob Jacques, 1st Vice President
Todd Jensen, 2nd Vice President/Ice Scheduler
Steve Jarvis, Director of Finance
Jeff Koziol, Director of Communications
Pam Bussell, Secretary

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Keith Duboff, Team Rep Coordinator
Tom Roskey, GSL Rep
Jen McMahon, USA Hockey
Heather Schnopp, Registrar
Brenda Labbe, Merchandise Coordinator

TEAM REPS PRESENT:

M1, M3, S1, S2, PW2, B2, M

Meeting began at approximately 6:40 p.m.

A Motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the December meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Paul Labbe)

Bantam team status: Both teams have had numerous long term injuries with short rosters. GSL approved waiving the limit on PeeWee pull-ups. We rescheduled a Bantam 2 game until February and they had to forfeit one. Thanks to both Bantam coaches and PeeWee 1's coach, John Danahey, for getting players together.

Mini-Mites, Session 3 will begin on January 29, 2011. WYHA will have 4 teams of 6 players each or 24 players total. We are struggling with the system of 3 sessions, please give feedback if anyone has it.

ADM Practice. There will be an ADM Model practice at Fitzpatrick Arena on January 26, 2011 by Roger Grillo and Carrie Allan of Mass Hockey. It will consist of 2 practices, 60 minutes each, mites then squirts. Volunteers are needed.

1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Bob Jacques)

LTS/LTP – there is one more skate left in Session 2. Session 3 will start on January 29, 2011.

Fire & Ice Tournament starts tomorrow!! We need more volunteers. Please volunteer where you can. This is our biggest fundraiser and it benefits ALL WYHA teams.

ICE SCHEDULER REPORT: (Todd Jensen)

Recently there was a change to the February practice schedule. There will be a second change posted by the middle of next week. The second change is to help accommodate WHS who had a game cancelled based on the recent snowstorm. All changes will be marked in blue. Please ensure you are looking at the date of the practice schedule in the lower left to ensure you are reviewing the most recent. There are two goalie clinics remaining, February 3rd and 24th.

The GSL is once again having a scheduling committee to review the scheduling process of the GSL. This group will review what has worked well this year and what can still be improved. The first meeting of this group is Tuesday, January 18. If you have any feedback on the scheduling process please post a comment through the GSL web site.

There is a chance for some independent game or practice during the GSL playoffs. Once the GSL schedule is released coaches and team reps will be notified of any open ice and can request it via email to Todd Jensen. Ice will be provided on a first come basis.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT: (Steve Jarvis)

The second ice payment was collected. Next year we will utilize team reps more to remind teams about payments. Several parents suggested moving the second ice payment to January 15th to make it easier on folks following the holiday season.

We had \$60,000 before the holidays. All ice payments for February have already been paid.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (Jeff Koziol):

A new newsletter will go out tonight or next Tuesday regarding Fire & Ice, ADM practice, and the Winter Classic Event for Squirt 2 and Mite 2 which is scheduled for Saturday, January 22, 2011. Squirt 2 will face Holy Name and Mite 2 will also face Holy Name.

Any other topics for the newsletter, please send them to Jeff via email. Updates to the website are continual. Also we are still working on the possibility of using League Line-Up to do on-line registration.

GSL REPORT (Tom Roskey):

- Missing Game Sheets
 - Bantam A from 12/12 vs. Troy
 - Peewee A from 1/2 vs. Brattleboro
 - Bantam B from 1/2 vs. N. Berkshire

Please send a copy or scan a copy and mail or email it to Barbara Wright

- As a reminder – do not sign game sheets prior to the game being played. It is the person's responsible to ensure the correctness of the game sheet prior to being signed. If discrepancies are found, they must be addressed prior to the signing of the game sheet.

- A committee is being formed by the GSL board to look into better punishments to put an end to fighting and whether or not Bantams should be playing 80 minute games and to determine whether there should be 2 different seasons (Fall & Winter) to accommodate High School players.
- Buddy's party is set for February 13th at the Hue Ke Lau. \$20 per ticket. Westfield has a 10 ticket minimum.
- Mass Hockey will be holding an ADM (Red, White and Blue) Tournament February 26 & 27 in Marlboro for Mite C teams. 3 games, no standings. Only 2 teams from each district will be allowed. Applications are available through Don Delorossia or the Mass Hockey website. If more than 2 teams from District 6 apply, a lottery will be performed.
- ADM practice is set for Jan 26th in Holyoke. Everyone is invited to watch. First hour is for Mites, second hour for Squirts. If Westfield has players planning to participate (should already been notified) they must bring their game jerseys.
- Novice games – At the Olympia there are 2 locker rooms available for each hour. 3 teams per locker room. It is asked that a coach or parent control the key to that locker room for the players that it holds. Keys are obtained by going to the desk and surrendering car keys for a locker room key.
- A scholarship selection committee is being formed by the GSL to select this years recipients. Criteria are not yet set, but will look at academics and hardship.
- GSL is sponsoring the State Tournament in March – Please volunteer to help out
- GSL website advertisements have been dropped from \$500 to \$250.
- Organization Communication Directors are encouraged to send in pictures and organizational information to be posted to the GSL's website.
- Jan 15-26 Barbara Wright will be on vacation, so no statistics will be updated during this time.
- Next GSL meeting is scheduled for February 9th at the Olympia at 7 pm
- 2011-12 Pee wee – No checking – The passage of this seems very likely. It will be voted on by USA Hockey this summer.
- 2011-12 Mites – Does Westfield want all Mites to play half ice games?
 - Decision from Mass Hockey will not come about until the ADM committee meets this summer. It has been suggested that Mite A may play half their games full ice and the other half half ice. Mite B would be

10 full ice and 30 half.

- Should the GSL be proactive and require all Mites to play half ice games? This will be voted on at the February meeting.
- **GSL playoff format**
 - **Mite North** – 6 Teams - Round robin play resulting in 5 games per team. Top two teams based on points would play for the championship.
 - **Squirt North** – 8 Teams - Upper and lower division of 4 teams each. Each division would play the other 3 teams twice resulting in 6 games. Top two teams based on points would play for the championship in the upper and lower.
 - **Squirt South** – 7 Teams - Round robin play resulting in 6 games per team. Top two teams based on points would play for the championship.
 - **Squirt East** – 7 Teams - Round robin play resulting in 6 games per team. Top two teams based on points would play for the championship.
 - **Peewee North** – 9 Teams - Upper and lower division of 5 teams in the upper and 4 in the lower. Upper division would play each other once resulting in 4 games per team and lower division would play each other twice resulting in 6 games. Top two teams based on points would play for the championship in the upper and lower.
 - **Peewee South** - 10 Teams - Upper and lower division of 6 teams in the upper and 4 in the lower. Upper division would play each other once resulting in 5 games per team and lower division would play each other twice resulting in 6 games. Top two teams based on points would play for the championship in the upper and lower.
 - **Bantam South** – 7 Teams - Round robin play resulting in 6 games per team. Top two teams based on points would play for the championship.
 - **Bantam North** - 8 Teams - Upper and lower division of 4 teams each. Each division would play the other 3 teams twice resulting in 6 games. Top two teams based on points would play for the championship in the upper and lower.
 - **Midget** - 8 Teams - Upper and lower division of 4 teams each. Each division would play the other 3 teams twice resulting in 6 games. Top two teams based on points would play for the championship in the upper and lower.

None Competitive Divisions

Mite South – 6 more games per team would be scheduled.

Mite East – 4 more games per team would be scheduled. There are already games scheduled the weekend of 2/26-27

USA HOCKEY REPORT (Jen McMahon):

No report.

MERCHANDE REPORT (Brenda Labbe):

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Katy Jacques would like to talk about Planet Hockey. She will send an email item to Jeff for the newsletter. Planet Hockey has been at Amelia Park for the last 7 years. Their hockey camp program is based out of Colorado. They do a dry-land program then on-ice and video lecture. The program lasts for 5 days. This year it will be held from August 22 to August 26, 2011. Mites through Bantams are \$425.00. \$100 deposit is needed by February 1, 2011, with the balance due 45 days before camp. Please contact Katy Jacques for more information or see the upcoming newsletter. Katy is the local rep for Planet Hockey.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.